

# DeKalb County Government

*Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4*

*Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Gregory Adams, Super District 7*

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Gregory Adams

**Staff Present:** Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

## **A. INSPIRATIONAL**

None

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Gregory Adams  
Super District 7

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

Connecting Arts with the Community  
Honoring Commissioner Gregory Adams

## **C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Public Comments portion of this meeting is reserved exclusively for comments from the public, and not for immediate reply. Statements made during the Public Comments portion do not necessarily reflect the Opinions of the Board or the Administration of DeKalb County Government. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Each speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted.

Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping and yelling will not be permitted. A show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

1. Joscelyn O'Neil, 3711 Larkspur Terrace Decatur, GA 30032 – Spoke regarding the absence of ADA ramps at Peachcrest Elementary School, and broken poles and hanging wires throughout the county.
2. Lance Hammonds, 6933 Water Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30087 – Spoke regarding follow-up with dredging his community's 140 acre lake.
3. Jerry Myer Jackson, 2583 Flat Shoals Rd. Decatur, GA 30034 – Thanked Mr. Zach Williams and Shawn Caldwell for their assistance of his neighbors in the Gresham Park area, regarding pipes broken by contractors of the county.
4. Gwen Farris, P.O. Box 874 Stone Mountain, GA 30086 – Spoke regarding the lack of services at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.
5. Henri Jordan, 763 Lee Andrews Ave. Atlanta, GA 30315 – Read Bible verses Psalms 94:16, Acts 26:18, Psalms 143:9, Acts 2:17.
6. Curtis Carr, 3158 Hunting Creek Pass Douglasville, GA 30135 – Spoke regarding an issue with the asbestos removal process at the Little Creek Horse Farm, and the current company working on the project removing the asbestos illegally.
7. Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021 – Spoke regarding issues with the Cash-Bail system.

**D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to presents its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five-minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, please complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If you have any documents for the Commissioners, please provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the Commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. When speaking, always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating your name, address and the name of any organization you represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping and yelling to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker’s position.

**“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**

**Planning & Sustainability**

[2018-2777](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7

Application of Tycore Auto Services for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow major auto repair within Tier 1 of the Greater Hidden Hills Overlay District and the C-2 (General Commercial) District, at 5361 Covington Highway.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**E. APPEALS**

**F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2018-3023](#) Commission District(s): All  
Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Deb Watts

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3027](#) Commission District(s): All  
Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Mr. Jon Hart

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. Items 2018-3023 and 2018-3027 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**ITEMS FOR RECORDING IN THE MINUTES**

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

[2018-3104](#) Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Springbrook Park Grant Match

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3104, 2018-3105, 2018-3100, 2018-3096, 2018-3099 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3105](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Briarlake Park Grant Match

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3104, 2018-3105, 2018-3100, 2018-3096, 2018-3099 were heard together The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Juvenile Court**

[2018-3100](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Approval to Accept the FY19 Supplemental Grant Awarded by The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) For the DeKalb Juvenile Court’s Journey Mental Health Court Program in the Amount \$31,050.00

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3104, 2018-3105, 2018-3100, 2018-3096, 2018-3099 were heard together The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Superior Court**

[2018-3096](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Acceptance of Supplemental State Funds from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for DeKalb County Superior Court Drug Court

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3104, 2018-3105, 2018-3100, 2018-3096, 2018-3099 were heard together The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3099](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Acceptance of Supplemental State Funds from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for DeKalb County Superior Court Felony Mental Health Court  
**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-3104, 2018-3105, 2018-3100, 2018-3096, 2018-3099 were heard together The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**2018-3115**

Commission District(s): All  
Add an Item  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to add item 2018-2265 to the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2265](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Amendment To Board of Commissioners Standing Procedural Rules  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

- 2018-3117** Commission District(s): All  
Add an Item  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams
- 2018-3118** Commission District(s): All  
CO- Change Order No. 2 to Contract Nos.: 971933, 971934 and 971935 for Sewer System Cleaning (Annual Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). The contracts consist of cleaning sewer systems to help prevent future spills. This request is to extend the contracts month-to-month. Awarded to Crawford Enterprises, Inc., Pipe Logistics, Inc., and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Monthly Amount Not To Exceed: \$300,000.00.  
**MOTION was made by Gregory Adams, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved, with the stipulation that the month-to-month will extend through February 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

- [2018-3078](#) Commission District(s): District 6  
DeKalb Community Service Board Opioid Recovery Program  
**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**District Attorney**

[2018-2706](#)

Commission District(s): all  
PRETRIAL JUSTICE DIVISION-1st Appearance Hearings At Jail-District Attorney, Public Defender and Magistrate Court/Pretrial Release

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be taken off the table. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor. Commissioner Gregory Adams was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Adams

**Finance**

[2018-2865](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Authorizing the Reallocation of the Funds Derived from the Clark Harrison Building Sale

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor, to de-restrict the proceeds from the sale of the Clark Harrison Building from use only to construct a new government center, and vote to reallocate the \$11,935,925.77 received from the Clark Harrison Building sale to be reallocated for vehicles itemized on the attachment which were previously purchased by the County vehicle replacement fund, and restrict \$11,935,925.77 in account 105003.80351.541403.01.602109 which will ensure that funds are expended only for approved capital projects, those projects to be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any and all necessary documents in connection with this matter. Commissioner Nancy Jester opposed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Jester

**Fire & Rescue Services**

[2018-3077](#)

Commission District(s): All  
Amendment to Extend the Current Ambulance Services Contract with Market Rates - No Cost To County

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be tabled. Upon further discussion, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson withdrew her motion.**

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute submitted from the floor for 6 months only, and return to the Board with any further extensions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Medical Examiner**

[2018-3021](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Agreement of Mutual Aid for Medical Examiner Services

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Police Services**

[2018-2978](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
MOU for Police - Business Partnership with Ring to Help Reduce Crime in DeKalb County

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Purchasing & Contracting**

*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*

[2018-2880](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 977680, Financial Advisory Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Finance. Consists of providing professional financial advisory services to the County. Awarded to Public Financial Management, Inc. Contract Term Extension Only.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2944](#)

Commission District(s): ALL  
REN - Title Research Services (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 3 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1094844 for use by the Tax Commissioners Office. This contract consists of title research services. Awarded to Standard Title & Abstract Co. Amount Not To Exceed: \$200,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

*Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee*

[2018-2337](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100969 Lubricants (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Fleet Management and the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase of lubricants (motor oil, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, etc.) used for County vehicles and on-site equipment. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Dilmar Oil Company, Lubrication Engineers, Inc., The McPherson Companies, Inc., Taylor Enterprises, Inc., Brewer Hendley Oil Co. and Northeast Lubricants, Ltd. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$356,726.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

[2018-2688](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Meter Boxes and Lids (Annual Contract - 1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1093790 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of providing meter boxes and lids for the installation of water meters. Awarded to Delta Municipal Supply Company, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,397,650.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2703](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100946 Cement (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Road and Drainage (R&D) and Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the acquisition of various cement products for day to day operations. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Ferguson Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks, Freeman Resources Group, LLC and K2R Legacy Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$381,768.53.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2814](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100946 Ductile Iron Water Main Fittings (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of supplying ductile iron water main fittings for waterline repairs. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Ferguson Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks and Delta Municipal Supply. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$397,300.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2850](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for CCTV Products, Services and Installation: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of the purchase, installation and programming of comprehensive security video surveillance systems for pumping station and water/wastewater treatment plants. Awarded to GC&E Systems Group, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$800,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2863](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101000 Liquid Sodium Bisulfite (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing liquid sodium bisulfite in bulk quantity. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Southern Ionics. Amount Not To Exceed: \$477,940.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2864](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Rental Uniforms (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1047459 for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists of the rental, purchase and cleaning of employee uniforms. Awarded to ARAMARK Uniform Services, a division of ARAMARK Uniform and Career Apparel, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$650,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2868](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1100646 for Transportation Scoping Studies, Project 1 - Covington Trails/Kensington MARTA Station Road Diets (PI 0015064)/South River Multiuse Trail from Entrenchment Creek Park to Fulton County Line (PI0015065) for use by the Department of Public Works - Transportation. Consists of providing scoping studies for trail alignments throughout DeKalb County. Awarded to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Contract Term Extension Only.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2874](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Rental of Various Heavy Equipment (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1047686, 1047705, 1047757, 1047784 and 1047790 for use by the Departments of Watershed (DWM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and Sanitation. These contracts consist of the rental of heavy equipment. Awarded Sunbelt Rentals, Inc., Cowin Equipment Company, Inc., Flint Equipment Company, Yancey Brothers Company and L&M Equipment. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$982,500.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2888](#)

Commission District(s): All  
REN - Disaster Recovery & Sewage Cleaning Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1048832 for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of disaster recovery cleaning and supplementary services for repairs to heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing systems affected by water and sewer spills. Awarded to Bell Restoration Services, Inc. dba Servpro of Stone Mountain/Clarkston. Amount Not To Exceed: \$625,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2890](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1118473 for Commercial Containers: Steel Refuse Containers and Lids, Recycle and Roll-Offs (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation. This contract consists of providing steel bottom refuse commercial containers in sizes 3, 4, 6 and 8 cubic yards and heavy duty containers in sizes 10, 20, 30 and 40 cubic yards. Awarded to Draco Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2905](#)

Commission District(s): All  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract Nos.: 1042303, 1063831, and 1081070 for Valve and Wet Tap Installation Services (Annual with 2 Options to Renew), Annual Water and Sewer Construction (Annual with 2 Options to Renew) and Design Build Services for the Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Replacement and Construction-Package 2: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Request consent to assignments of Contract Nos.: 1042303, 1063831 and 1081070 and the transfer of the remaining contracts' term and funds to Granite Inliner, LLC.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2917](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101016 - Crawler Dozer with Waste Disposal Blade: for Public Works - Fleet Management to be used by Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of one (1) Crawler Dozer with Waste Disposal Blade used at the Seminole Landfill for the purpose of moving garbage. Recommend award to Flint Equipment. Amount Not To Exceed: \$695,807.00

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2688, 2018-2814, 2018-2850, 2018-2863, 2018-2864, 2018-2874, 2018-2888, 2018-2890, 2018-2917 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2918](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 18-101020 Conventional Grass Seeding (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by PW-Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of grass seeding services as a means of erosion prevention and odor control at the Seminole Landfill. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: K2R Legacy Group, LLC and The Rossum Group, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$250,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2920](#)

Commission District(s): All  
LB - Invitation No. 18-100988 Sewer System Cleaning (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of cleaning the sewer system and helping to prevent future spills. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Crawford Enterprises, Inc., Graham & Associates, Inc. and Pipe Logistics, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,605,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2941](#)

Commission District(s): 1 and 6  
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1073854 for Design Build Services for Roof Replacement and Painting of Steel Ground Storage Tanks at Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant (Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing services to design; repair, demolish, and replace storage tank roofs; and complete interior and exterior painting of three (3) steel potable water ground storage tanks at the Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant. Awarded to Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2984](#)

Commission District(s): All

REN - Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract Nos.: 1043443, 1043444, 1043445 and 1043446 for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). These contracts consist of the purchase of hot mix asphaltic concrete for the repair and paving of roads. Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., Dykes Paving & Construction Company, Inc., Metro Materials, Inc., and Pittman Construction Company. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3013](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - ITB No. 18-100975 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Public Works - Beautification (PWB) and Public Works - Roads & Drainage (R&D). Consists of cutting trees and removal services. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Arborserv Tree Care, Casey Tree Experts and K2R Legacy Group. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,875,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. Items 2018-2905, 2018-2918, 2018-2920, 2018-2941, 2018-2984, 2018-3013 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**Watershed Management**[2017-1184](#)

Commission District(s): All

Reallocation of funding sources for certain previously approved CIP project budgets between the 2011 Bond Fund and the Renewal & Extension (R&E) Fund

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 22, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2778](#)

Commission District(s): District 1

Sewer Petition-Winchester Trail (City of Brookhaven)

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be deferred, until January 8, 2019 for Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-2810](#)

Commission District(s): All

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, As Revised 1988, Chapter 25, Article IV, Pertaining to Sewer and Sewage Disposal, Division 5 Related to the Discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease, and For Other Purposes.

**MOTION was made by Kathie Gannon, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve the substitute dated December 4, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

**WorkSource DeKalb**

[2018-2990](#)

Commission District(s): ALL Districts  
Request to transfer \$250,000 of Fiscal Year 18 Dislocated Worker Program Funds to Fiscal Year 18 Adult Program funds.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2990, 2018-3002, 2018-3014 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3002](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
Request for Approval to Accept \$11,342.83 of PY17 and \$33,729.28 of FY18 Adult Program Funds with the Cumulative Total of \$45,072.61.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2990, 2018-3002, 2018-3014 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

[2018-3014](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS  
Acceptance of Multiple Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs for Fiscal Year 2019 from the Technical College System of Georgia.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Items 2018-2990, 2018-3002, 2018-3014 were heard together. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams

## J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

### 1. Commissioner Gregory Adams read the following comments:

Good morning all, I want to say Thank You to everyone who donated items for our “Bags of Love” Drive for the Homeless. My office is working with Michelle Stanton, CEO of Pinch of Excellence, Department of Community Development and DeKalb County Police - South Precinct on the distribution next week.

I am pleased to announce our upcoming Leadership Summit on School-To- Prison Pipeline in Collaboration with DeKalb County School System on December 18th from 9 a.m. – 12 noon in the Maloof Auditorium – 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA. This is an opportunity to put a plan in action to assist our youth in pursuing their education while dealing with issues beyond their control. No registration is needed, this is free and open to the public. For more detail, please contact my office at 404.371.2899.

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer and thank you to all the citizens who allowed me the opportunity to serve as the Commissioner of Super District 7.

I also want to thank the CEO for his great leadership, and especially my fellow Commissioners, who took out the time to mentor me and work with me to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

I also want to thank Antwyn Brown, the Chief of Staff for the BOC, who is always there to assist when we have a need, along with his staff, John, Amy, Dionne and Jessica. I want to give a special Thank You to our Clerk Barbara Sanders-Norwood and her staff for always going above and beyond the call of Duty. I want to also congratulate Barbara for obtaining her certification as a Master Municipal Clerk, one of the highest achievements in the world, we are so proud of you.

And I’d be remised if I don’t say something about one of the best legal teams the County has to offer, which is being lead by Attorney Viviane Ernstes.

Since today is officially my last BOC meeting, I want to thank the men and women that I appointed to serve on various boards within the County. Their time, dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of DeKalb is greatly appreciated.

I love the partnerships I created with the many Municipalities, The Mayors, and City Council members, such as Doraville, City of Stonecrest, City of Tucker, City

of Decatur, City of Pine Lake, City of Stone Mountain, City of Brookhaven and the City of Dunwoody. And I cannot leave out the few members that supported me from the beginning to the end and they are: Mayor Donna Pittman, Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Frank Auman, Anne Lerner, Ceasar Gaiter, Michelle PenKava, Noelle Monferdini, Bill Rosenfield, Matt Robbins, Honey Vanderkreek, Mayor Jason Larry, Councilman Rob Turner, Councilman Jimmy Clanton, and the list goes on. And I have to say something about the School Board Superintendent and The School Board Members and my Spiritual Advisor Vickie Turner, Sheriff Jeffery Mann, Clerk Debra DeBerry, DeKalb NAACP President - Teresa Hardy, Roland Washington, former CEO Burrell Ellis, Governor Roy Barns, and so many more.

Not to mention my wonderful staff which includes, Erica Williams, Keena Johnson-Radev and Brianna Avery. Each one of these individuals demonstrated great leadership and a wonderful mindset in assisting me as I focused on the needs of all my constituents. And as for the unemployed staff in my office, Mrs. Jacqueline Adams, The Queen in my life and loving wife, who has the privilege of working with me on a daily basis. She get her payments by love and with interest. For me having this amazing team was nothing but a “Win! Win! Win! No matter what!”

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to faithfully serve the citizens of DeKalb County! My official term will end December 31, 2018.

For more information on THIS and other happenings in Super District 7, please go to my website at [www.commissionergregoryadams.com](http://www.commissionergregoryadams.com) or if you would like to contact me, please feel free to contact my office at 404-371-2899 or [gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:gregoryadams@dekalbcountyga.gov). As always, thanks to my district for allowing me the honor to serve.

## **2. Commissioner Kathie Gannon mentioned the following:**

- Thoughts and prayers go out to Commissioner Greg Adams and family as they lay his mother to rest. Condolences, and may she “rest well” in heaven. It has been a pleasure serving with Commissioner Adams this year. He is a great colleague to work with and has been passionate about the needs for the constituents in Super District 7. Together we served on the PWI committee and, along with Commissioner Jester, really pulled up sleeves and worked on major agenda items, policies, and ordinances to better and more efficiently serve the citizens of DeKalb. I wish you well as you open the next chapter to your story. Also, I would like to wish my condolences to the family of John Bugge. He was

very involved with the Friends of WD Thompson Park, and very adored in that community. For those of you who knew him, his funeral was this past weekend

- Our DeKalb County turned 196 years old, quietly on Sunday, December 9th. It is exciting to see how we have transitioned and how much we have grown both externally and internally. Happy Birthday DeKalb County and here's to the next century!

- LifeLine Animal Project would love for all of our DeKalb shelter pets to go home for the holidays, and to drive more traffic to the shelters, they are offering free adoptions for anyone who comes in wearing an ugly holiday sweater throughout December. So if you are looking for the "fur-ever gift", our DeKalb County shelter has the "purr-fect" pet for your home

- The Doris K. Wells Heritage Festival is an annual celebration of the large diverse community that makes up DeKalb County. DeKalb County Public Library's first African-American librarian, the late Doris K. Wells, created the festival in 1983 as a Kwanzaa Awareness Festival at the Scott Candler Library. Attendance for the first year was over 1000 patrons. The festival continued to grow over the years and was renamed the Doris K. Wells Heritage Festival. Programs throughout the months of December and January include music, dance, food, crafts and informational workshops. Visit [dekalblibrary.org](http://dekalblibrary.org) to discover diverse cultural performances, activities, and lectures throughout DeKalb this December and January

- Families looking to apply for Section 8 housing vouchers can do so between December 11th and 13th. The Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC) says it will open applications for its waiting list for Housing Choice Voucher Program—commonly known as Section 8 – which provides rental help to eligible low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities. Interested persons must have a valid email address and must apply by completing an online application. There will be no paper applications. Instructions for establishing an email address will be part of the application. For more information, including frequently asked questions about the waiting list opening, and a list of Internet access sites available visit [dekalbhousing.org](http://dekalbhousing.org)

- Our Sanitation department did a fabulous job coordinating recycling roll cart exchange events, over the past few months. If you were not able to take advantage of one of these events, please remember that this mandatory trade in must be completed by December 28th. Roll cart exchange requests can also be submitted by mail, online, or visiting the Sanitation Division's administration building.

For additional information, contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900

- Michael Holloway has been diligently contributing as a part of my team since September, 2017. He assisted with my bi-weekly and quarterly communications, coordinating prep for my board and committee meetings, and served as webmaster and social media expert. Two weeks ago he transferred to Wellness, a division under DeKalb County Risk Management, which is an area that compliments his Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology and Minor in Business Administration. Congratulations to both Michael and the Risk Management team. Michael will be an awesome asset for DeKalb County employees. Also...congratulations as well to Davis Fox, my Special Projects Manager who became a "grand pa" for the first time! His son and daughter-in-law welcomed 10+ pound baby Isadore last week!

- In closing, I wish my colleagues, my staff, and Super District 6 a very happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year filled with health, happiness, and spectacular successes. Also, "Chag (HA-KK)- Urim (UR-IM) Sameach (SAH-MEY-AAK)!" to our Jewish friends and neighbors who will ended their Hanukah celebrations Monday

- My office will be closed Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th recognizing Christmas. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Maloof Auditorium. Garbage and recycling collections are also on the holiday schedule

### **3. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson read the following comments:**

Thank You, Mr. Presiding Officer, and good morning everyone again. I would like to begin my comments by offering our sincerest condolences to Commissioner Gregory Adams and his family during the passing of his mother during this difficult time. Please know that you are in our prayers and if there is anything that we can do for you, please let us know.

This weekend Hank and I had an opportunity to drop by the Tax Commissioners Holiday Party. We had a wonderful time and I would like to thank our Tax Commissioner, Irvin Johnson for inviting us to participate in this wonderful event.

I had a wonderful time at the Cultural Exchange breakfast hosted by Councilman Rob Turner and School Board Member Vickie Turner. We had a wonderful time

and I enjoyed hearing the beautiful solo by their daughter, Victoria Turner who will provide the inspiration at one of our February meetings.

District 5 is proud to announce our 2nd Annual Toy Drive which will run until Friday, December 14th. Last year, we were able to give away more than 200 toys to deserving children. Last year, the community came out in great support to provide toys and we need your support again this year. For more information on drop off locations, please visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com)

I would like to give a special shout out to New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in my district. We had an opportunity to join CEO Michael Thurmond and several of my colleagues on the Board for the inaugural service of the new Pastor. The message was wonderful. I look forward to working with New Birth to improve the quality of life in the 5th and all of DeKalb.

Again, I would like to give a special shout out to our CEO Michael Thurmond on his recent announcement of all of the wonderful updates that are coming forth in the 2019 Budget. Thank you for your leadership and for ensuring that this government is moving forward for the citizens of DeKalb County.

For more information on any of the announcements, District 5 upcoming events, please visit my website at [www.commissionermeredajohnson.com](http://www.commissionermeredajohnson.com) or you may call my office at 404-371-2159. And as always, don't hesitate to contact my office with any of your questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 Commissioner.

#### **4. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw read the following comments:**

Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer. Good afternoon everyone.

Today I would like to begin by doing something that I failed to do publicly last week. That is to commend CEO Thurmond and the administration for the achievement of a projected fund balance of \$103 million. This is a very big deal that we should reflect upon and be proud of. I imagine that this achievement flies in the face of the naysayers and constant complainers who seem to be totally invested in the narrative that DeKalb County is all messed up. Well, DeKalb County is NOT all messed up. To be certain, in an organization of this size and scope on any given day someone can point to something that is not going right. Clearly, there are things that can be improved upon. And I have certainly experienced my share of frustrations on multiple fronts. But, at the risk of being

redundant this achievement in fund balance is a very big deal. I for one will help make sure that people know about it.

On December 8th, I was extremely honored to present a proclamation to the American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 44. This group of dedicated men and women perform a number of services in the community to include providing mentorship to local JROTC programs, providing visitation to nursing homes that have veteran residents, and the establishment of the Veterans Helping Veterans Program that provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. They were also instrumental in helping me to make my first Veterans Resource Expo in September a tremendous success. I would like to commend Post Commander Al Wright and his wonderful wife Arthurine for their leadership on this front. And I would like to thank all members of AMVETS for their service to this great country.

On behalf of the District 4 team, Alesia Brooks and Robin Flieg, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Today I would like to conclude my comments by telling Commissioner Gregory Adams that it has been a pleasure to serve with you. Over the course of the past two years any time that I have come to you and asked for your support on an agenda item you have never let me down. I really appreciate it! I wish you, Jacqueline and your entire family nothing but success in your future endeavors. Also, I want to extend to you my sympathy on the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

**5. Commissioner Larry Johnson mentioned the following:**

- Thanked the people who contributed to the Tree of Love campaign, with a culminating event on Friday December 14th, 2018 at South DeKalb Mall
- Thanked the Facilities Management team, Kirkwood and Parkview HOA's, Atlanta Gas Light for opening up a 51,000 sq. ft. business center on Brannon Rd., and the Toney Valley community
- Thanked the Ellenwood community for their community Brunch
- Thanked Planet Fitness for opening up a minnie "judgment free" zone at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club

- Congratulations to Margaret Britton on retirement, and an invitation to a small retirement party at Fletcher's at South DeKalb Mall
- Thanked the Heart of South DeKalb for the annual "Random Act of Kindness" initiative
- Wished Happy Holidays to constituents, and thanked Central Staff and District 3 staff

**6. Commissioner Nancy Jester mentioned the following:**

- Condolences to Commissioner Gregory Adams on the loss of his mother, and thanked him for his service on the Board of Commissioners
- Recognized her 4th year on the Board of Commissioners, and thanked everyone who has helped her along the way
- Wished a Happy Birthday to her mom
- Congratulated Jack Jester on making the district honor band
- Wished everyone a great holiday season!

**7. Commissioner Jeff Rader read the following comments:**

My office number is 404-371-2863 and my email is [jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov). My website is [www.commissionerrader.com](http://www.commissionerrader.com). Also, please follow me on Facebook and Twitter using @raderjeff and on Instagram at commissionerjeffrader

Thank you....

- To Friends of Zonolite Park and the DeKalb Recreation Parks and Cultural Affairs Department for the wonderful ribbon cutting held in the rain yesterday to celebrate new improvements to this park. I invite the community to check it out.

Upcoming...

- Dust off your ugliest holiday sweater, because you finally have a great reason to wear it! LifeLine Animal Project wants to see all shelter pets go home for the holidays, so they are offering free adoptions to anyone who comes into any of the shelters wearing an ugly holiday sweater! The free adoption promotion is valid

through December 31st and also includes the animal's spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip, a \$300 value, for free. The Ugly Sweater promotion is valid at all of LifeLine's shelters

- WD Thomson Work Day is rescheduled to this Sunday, December 16th at 1 p.m.

- And tomorrow, Wednesday, December 12th at 11 a.m. at 1793 Briarwood Road, the Peachtree Creek Greenway will host the official groundbreaking ceremony for construction of Phase 1. When all phases are complete, the entire trail will connect Brookhaven to the Peachtree Creek Trail Project that runs from Mercer University in Unincorporated DeKalb to PATH 400, the South Fork Conservancy Trails and the Atlanta Beltline.

The Board will meet in the New Year beginning Thursday, January 3rd for our first Committee of the Whole meeting. I wish you and your family a Happy and safe Holiday season!

#### **POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.**

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.

ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester and seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon to adjourn the December 11, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:47 p.m. Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson was out of the room and not voting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Gannon, and Commissioner Adams**

**Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson**



Jeff Rader  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk